

THEN AND NOW: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIAN SYSTEMATIC ORNITHOLOGY

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In this paper, I contrast the state of Indian systematic ornithology prior to 2005 with new developments. My frame of reference is research for the second edition of *BIRDS OF SOUTH ASIA: THE RIPLEY GUIDE* (Rasmussen and Anderton 2012), in comparison with the state of knowledge at the time of the first (2005) edition. In contrast to the past, there has been a recent explosion of systematic and taxonomic studies of Indian birds, though there are still many problems and uncertainties to be resolved. Although it was not possible to reorganise avian groups on a large scale in the second edition, we have enacted many well-corroborated changes in nomenclature, familial relationships, and generic realignments, among others. For widespread taxa, many of these have already been adopted by official committees, such as the British Ornithological Union Records Committee (BOURC, <http://www.bou.org.uk/british-list/>) and American Ornithologists' Union North American Classification Committee (NACC, <http://www.aou.org/checklist/north/print.php>). Since 2005, ornithological resources are now much more widely available and democratized, with the development of huge online photographic and audio databases (<http://macaulaylibrary.org/>, <http://fibe.lynxeds.com/>, <http://orientalbirdimages.org/>, <http://www.xeno-canto.org/>, <http://avocet.zoology.msu.edu/>) that now provide data for most South Asian species. There are now many open access journals, freely available older publications, and expansion and improvement of online encyclopedic resources and global systematic lists (e.g., <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/info/taxonomy>, <http://worldbirdnames.org/>, <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/>, <http://jboyd.net/Taxo/taxo1.html>). For those with institutional connections, most publications can now be viewed from one's own computer. And there is now a large contingent of knowledgeable, experienced, committed South Asian field ornithologists, birders, and photographers, which has led to a massive increase in documented, reliable field data and many major recent publications and resources (e.g. Harvey *et al.* 2006; Manakadan *et al.* 2011; Sashikumar *et al.* 2011; Pittie 2012).

By 2005, a revolution had started in the systematics of Asian birds. It had become clear that *Erpornis*, *Pteruthius*, and *Pseudopodoces* were seriously misclassified, that *Sylvia* warblers were closer to some babblers than to other warblers, and that such lineages as *Alcippe* and *Garrulax* were in need of major revision (Cibois *et al.* 2002; James *et al.* 2003). Since

then, DNA sequencing has largely resolved the evolutionary history of many of the most troublesome lineages, such as the great muscicapine assemblage (Alström *et al.* 2011a, b; Klicka *et al.* 2005; Moyle *et al.* 2012; Ngumbock *et al.* 2007; Sangster *et al.* 2010; Voelker and Spellman 2004; Zuccon and Ericson 2010a). Mainly on the basis of some of these studies, the former Sylviidae (as constituted in Rasmussen and Anderton 2005) is now broken up into the cettiids Cettiidae, grasshopper and bush-warblers Locustellidae, reed-warblers Acrocephalidae, phylloscopids Phylloscopidae, and sylviid warblers Sylviidae. Other major changes include the finding that the tit-warblers *Leptopoeile* are related to long-tailed tits *Aegithalos* (Päckert *et al.* 2010), but the long-tailed tits are part of the warbler radiation. The parrotbills are not babblers (Gelang *et al.* 2009; Moyle *et al.* 2012; Pasquet *et al.* 2006; Yeung *et al.* 2011), and the Bearded Reeding *Panurus biarmicus* is neither a parrotbill nor a babbler, but a monotypic family (Alström *et al.* 2006; Ericson and Johansson 2003). The shrike-babblers *Pteruthius* and *Erpornis* are best placed within New World vireos Vireonidae (Reddy and Cracraft 2007). Other surprises are that *Pnoepyga* wren-babblers are not related to other babblers (Gelang *et al.* 2009), and that *Scotoerca* is not a prinia but a cettiid (Alström *et al.* 2011c). The golden-plovers are not closely related to the other plovers (Baker *et al.* 2007a; Ericson *et al.* 2003; Fain and Houde 2007). The storm-petrels fall into two divergent lineages best considered separate families (Hackett *et al.* 2008). The noddies are not closely related to other terns (Baker *et al.* 2007a; Bridge *et al.* 2005). The sandgrouse are now placed in their own order, Pteroclidiformes (Ericson *et al.* 2006; Hackett *et al.* 2008), the tropicbirds in their own order Phaethontiformes (Fain and Houde 2004; Hackett *et al.* 2008), and the flamingos likewise in their own order Phoenicopteriformes, related to grebes Podicipediformes (Brown *et al.* 2008; Mayr 2008; Sangster 2005). The Ibisbill is placed in a separate family Ibidorhynchidae (Baker *et al.* 2007a). The Yellow-bellied Fantail *Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus* [formerly placed in Rhipiduridae and even (by others) in *Rhipidura*, but differing obviously in behaviour and vocalisations], along with the Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*, are related to a small assemblage of otherwise African birds, the Stenostiridae (Besford *et al.* 2005; Fuchs *et al.* 2009). The woodshrikes *Tephrodornis* and flycatcher-shrikes *Hemipus*

are not related to cuckooshrikes, but to the African and Malagasy Vangidae (Reddy *et al.* 2012). The Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cuculatus*, long thought a tailorbird *Orthotomus* despite its aberrant biology, has been found to belong with the ceutiid warblers (Alström *et al.* 2006, 2011b). The yuhinas are related to white-eyes, and are now in the Zosteropidae (Moyle *et al.* 2009; Zhang *et al.* 2007).

Since 2005, an entirely new, highly distinctive species of Indian bird, the Bugun Liocichla *Liocichla bugunorum*, has been discovered (Athreya 2006); the heretofore almost unknown Mishmi Wren-babbler *Spelaeoris badeigularis* (King and Donahue 2006) is now routinely recorded, and the single known specimen of Large-billed Reed-warbler *Acrocephalus orinus*, until recently known only from a single 1867 specimen is now much better known (Round *et al.* 2007; Svensson *et al.* 2008, 2010); Siilem's Mountain-finch has been rediscovered (Kazmierczak and Muzika 2012) in China; and an evidently new species of *Rallina* crane has been photographed in the Nicobar Islands (Rajeshkumar *et al.* 2012). Other new information may be less spectacular, but still noteworthy. For example, the Forest Eagle-owl *Ketupa [Bubo] nipalensis*, formerly thought restricted to the Himalayas, Western Ghats, and Sri Lanka, has been found to occur in Central India (Jayapal *et al.* 2005), and the Lesser Fish-eagle *Ichthyaelus humilis*, never before proven to occur far from the Himalayas within South Asia, is now known to occur in several sites in South India (e.g., Praveen and Nameer 2009). No fewer than three species of large, distinctively marked *Turdus* thrushes (Kessler's Thrush *Turdus kessleri*, Chestnut Thrush *T. rubrocanus gouldi*, Tibetan Blackbird *T. maximus*) for which definitive evidence was nearly or entirely lacking for the north-east of India have now been photographically documented for these regions (photographs on OBI). And, the Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* has been found to occur in Pakistan (UMMZ specimens).

Several species considered hypothetical in BIRDS OF SOUTH ASIA owing to inadequate documentation have now been conclusively shown to occur, such as Eastern Marsh-harrier *Circus spilonotus* and Black-browed Reed-warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps* (<http://orientalbirdimages.org/>), and there are credible recent reports (if not absolute proof) of other species previously considered hypothetical such as Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus* (M.M. Khan, pers. comm. 2011), Oriental Stork *Ciconia boyciana* (M.M. Khan, pers. comm. 2011), and Sooty Falcon *Falco concolor* (Khan *et al.* 2010). Two new species are added to the hypothetical list: Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides* and Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus*, both on the basis of birds of probable captive origin in the Chagos (Carr 2011). The species list of any region will continue to grow with further study and the passage of

time, and new species recorded for South Asia since 2005 (Table 1) include Crested Tit-warbler *Leptopoecile elegans* (Sangha *et al.* 2007), Chestnut-checked Starling *Agropsar philippensis* (van der Wielen 2007), Blue-and-white Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelana* (photographed near Alibag, Maharashtra by P. Kawale, March 10, 2012), Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus* (sighted in Maldives, Anderson 2007; images from Sri Lanka on OBI) and Band-rumped Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma castro* (Anderson 2007; if split, the form recorded is unknown). There has also been one documented regional extinction (Table 1), the Siberian Crane *Leucogeranus [Grus] leucogeranus*, which still occurs in China.

The most common category of taxonomic repercussions resulting from the many systematic studies involving South Asian birds published since 2005 has been generic realignments (Table 1). Discussing generic changes in detail are beyond the scope of this paper, but the view was taken here that genera should be broad enough to reflect relationships to a certain extent but not so broad as to force inclusion of highly distinctive taxa, and that when equally informative and accurate, existing generic arrangements should be retained. I am not philosophically opposed to monotypic genera, where treatment as monotypic is informative as to the level of distinctiveness, and as long as monophyly is maintained. Also, where putative generic realignments were based only on a single gene or short sequences, especially if they seemed counterintuitive and/or would have resulted in wholesale name changes that may later have to be reversed, it was deemed best to await further genetic or other evidence before enacting them. In many cases there are multiple possible alternative generic arrangements that are technically correct, so different authorities may arrive at different conclusions.

Numerous taxonomic splits proposed in the first edition of BIRDS OF SOUTH ASIA have been validated by further studies published in peer-reviewed journals. These include (those occurring or at least hypothetical in South Asia in bold): *Anas poecilorhyncha/A. zonorhyncha* (Leader 2006); *Gyps indicus/G. tenuirostris* (Arshad *et al.* 2009; Johnson *et al.* 2006); *Buteo buteo/B. burmanicus* (Kruckenhauser *et al.* 2004; Penhallurick and Dickinson 2008); *Rallus aquaticus/R. indicus* (Sangster *et al.* 2011; Tavares *et al.* 2010); *Charadrius alexandrinus/C. nivosus* (Chesser *et al.* 2011; Küpper *et al.* 2009); *Gallinago gallinago/G. delicata* (Knox *et al.* 2008); *Caprimulgus macrurus/C. andamanicus* (Sangster and Rozendaal 2004); *Chrysocolaptes lucidus/C. guttacrastatus/C. stricklandi* (Collar 2011); several babbler (e.g., Collar 2006; Collar and Robson 2007); *Turdus merula/T. maximus/T. mandarinus/T. simillimus* (Nylander *et al.*

2008); *Myioma major/M. albiventris* (Robin *et al.* 2010); *Cettia acanthizoides/C. brunescens* (Alström *et al.* 2007); and *Turdus ruficollis/T. atrogularis* (Knox *et al.* 2008); among others. Most of the others have been accepted by IOC and the Clements checklist projects. Grimmett *et al.* (2011) summarise those officially accepted by the Oriental Bird Club.

Several cases mentioned as possible splits in Rasmussen and Anderton (2005) but not treated as such therein are now split on the basis of new and/or more thoroughly studied evidence: *Egretta intermedia* (split from *E. brachyrhyncha* of Africa and *E. plumifera* of Australia, mainly on the basis of the very different soft part colours in breeding plumage, as well as proportions and calls); *Gallinula chloropus/G. galeata* (Groenenberg *et al.* 2008; Chesser *et al.* 2011); *Numenius phaeopus/N. hudsonicus* (Johnsen *et al.* 2010; Kerr *et al.* 2009; Sangster *et al.* 2011); *Otus modestus* (split from *Otus sunia*, on the basis of consistently and markedly distinct songs); *Chrysocolaptes socialis* (split from *Chrysocolaptes guttacrastatus* on the basis of strongly divergent drumrolls and calls); *Pomatorhinus phayrei* (split from *P. ferruginosus* on the basis of strongly differing morphology, vocalisations, and DNA divergence; Reddy and Moyle 2011); *Locustella thoracica/L. kashimirensis* (Alström *et al.* 2008a); *Certhia familiaris/C. hodgsoni* (Tietze *et al.* 2006); *Sitta castanea/S. neglecta* (IOC 2.11); *Pachyglossa agilis* (split from *P. obsoleta* on the basis of very different morphology and calls).

In addition, many splits between regional species and extralimital ones not proposed in Rasmussen and Anderton (2005) have been published, nearly all subsequent to the first edition's proof stage (Table 1), including (those occurring in South Asia in bold): *Gavia arctica/G. pacifica* (many sources, e.g. Knox *et al.* 2008); *Puffinus lherminieri/P. bailloni* (Austin *et al.* 2004); *Egretta alba/E. egretta* (Pratt 2011); *Sarkidiornis melanotos/S. sylvicola* (IOC 2.11); *Melanitta fusca/M. deglandi* (Chesser *et al.* 2010; Collinson *et al.* 2006; Sangster *et al.* 2005); *Pandion haliaetus/P. cristatus* (Christidis and Boles 2008; Wink *et al.* 2004); *Chlamydotis undulatus/C. macqueenii* (IOC 2.11); *Rostratula benghalensis/R. australis* (Baker *et al.* 2007b); *Thalasseus sandvicensis/T. acufavidus* (Efe *et al.* 2009; Sangster *et al.* 2011); *Tyto alba/T. delicatula* (IOC 2.11); *Troglodytes troglodytes/T. hiemalis/T. pacificus* (Drovetski *et al.* 2004; Toews and Irwin 2008; Chesser *et al.* 2010); *Turdus naumanni/T. eunomus* (Knox *et al.* 2008); *Copsychus saularis/C. mindanensis* (Sheldon *et al.* 2009); *Saxicola torquatus/S. maurus* (Zink *et al.* 2009; note that the proposed split of *stejnegeri* is not adopted due to lack of inclusion of *przewalskii* in the study); *Oenanthe lugens/O. persica* (Förschler *et al.* 2010); *Graminicola bengalensis/G. striatus* (Leader *et al.* 2010); *Garrulax leucolophus/G. bicolor* (Collar 2006; Collar and Robson 2007); *Garrulax*

albugularis/G. ruficeps (Collar 2006; Collar and Robson 2007); *Dryonastes galbanus/D. courtoisi* (Collar and Robson 2007); *Liocichla phoenicea/L. ripponi* (Collar and Robson 2007); *Pteruthius flaviscapiss/P. aeralatus* (Rheindt and Eaton 2009); *Pteruthius aenobarbus/P. intermedius* (Rheindt and Eaton 2009); *Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis/P. mclellandii* (Collar and Robson 2007); *Aegithalos iouschistos/A. bonvaloti* (IOC 2.11; but note low genetic divergence, Päckert *et al.* 2010); *Salpornis spilonotus/S. salvadori* (Tietze and Martens 2010); *Arachnotera longirostris/A. flammifera/A. diluitor* (Lohman *et al.* 2010; Moyle *et al.* 2011; Rahman *et al.* 2010).

Splits proposed between at least two regional species include: *Nisaetus nipalensis/N. kelaarti* (Gjershaug *et al.* 2008); *Falco peregrinus/F. peregrinoides* (many sources); *Cuculus saturatus/C. optatus/C. lepidus* (King 2005); *Apus pacificus/A. leuconyx/A. salimali* (Leader 2011); *Monticola solitarius/M. philippensis* (Zuccon and Ericson 2010b); *Phylloscopus reguloides/P. claudiae* (Olsson *et al.* 2005); *Paradoxornis ruficeps/P. bakeri* (King and Robson 2008); *Aegithalos concinnus/A. iredalei* (Päckert *et al.* 2010); *Parus major/P. cinereus/P. minor* (Eck and Martens 2006; Päckert *et al.* 2005); *Certhia discolor/C. manipurensis* (Tietze *et al.* 2006).

Conversely, some long-accepted species, after further study, are now treated as subspecies: e.g., *Larus heuglini* = *L. fuscus* (Collinson *et al.* 2008), *Lanius meridionalis* = *L. excubitor* (Klassert *et al.* 2008, Olsson *et al.* 2010), *Parus melanolophus* = *P. ater* (Eck and Martens 2006), *P. flavipectus* = *P. cyanus* (Eck and Martens 2006), *P. bokharensis* = *P. major* (Eck and Martens 2006), in each case of more widely distributed species (Table 1). In the case of *Lanius excubitor*, further research will almost certainly result in splitting of this highly morphologically and genetically polytypic species complex, but results thus far do not allow confident conclusions.

A few species previously thought to be Indian endemics or at least South Asian breeding endemics are now known to occur outside the region's limits, for example Large-billed Reed-warbler (Timmins *et al.* 2009), Tickell's Thrush *Turdus unicolor* (Yu 2007), and Large Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis magnirostris* (Renner *et al.* 2009).

The existence of comprehensive photo and sound databases and/or archives has made it possible to utilise the vast amounts of data being stored in further assessing species limits. For example, examination of the Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum concolor* revealed that, despite their drab coloration, within Indian limits there are three markedly different groups, treated in Rasmussen and Anderton (2005) as Nilgiri Flowerpecker *D. concolor*; Andaman Flowerpecker *D. virescens*; and Plain Flowerpecker *D. minullum*. At the time no good photographs existed of the first two, and now

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Black-throated Diver <i>Gavia arctica</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Knox <i>et al.</i> 2008
Flesh-footed Shearwater <i>Ardenna carneipes</i>	generic change from <i>Puffinus</i>	Austin <i>et al.</i> 2004; Olson & Rasmussen 2001
Sooty Shearwater <i>Ardenna grisea</i>	generic change from <i>Puffinus</i>	Austin <i>et al.</i> 2004; Olson & Rasmussen 2001
Wedge-tailed Shearwater <i>Ardenna pacifica</i>	generic change from <i>Puffinus</i>	Austin <i>et al.</i> 2004; Olson & Rasmussen 2001
Short-tailed Shearwater <i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>	generic change from <i>Puffinus</i>	Austin <i>et al.</i> 2004; Olson & Rasmussen 2001
Tropical Shearwater <i>Puffinus bailloni</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Austin <i>et al.</i> 2004
Band-rumped Storm-petrel <i>Oceanodroma castro</i>	addition; if split, species uncertain	Anderson 2007; Smith <i>et al.</i> 2007
Pygmy Cormorant <i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	generic change from <i>Phalacrocorax</i>	Christidis & Boles 2008; Kennedy <i>et al.</i> 2000
Little Cormorant <i>Microcarbo niger</i>	generic change from <i>Phalacrocorax</i>	Christidis & Boles 2008; Kennedy <i>et al.</i> 2000
Intermediate Egret <i>Egretta intermedia</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Rasmussen & Anderton 2012
Great Egret <i>Egretta alba</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Pratt 2011
Oriental Stork <i>Ciconia boyciana</i>	to regular list from hypothetical	M.M. Khan, pers. comm.
Australian Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadornoides</i>	new for hypothetical list	Carr <i>et al.</i> 2011
Knob-billed Duck <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	split from extralimital taxa	IOC 2.11
Baikal Teal <i>Sibirionetta formosa</i>	generic change from <i>Anas</i>	Bulgarella <i>et al.</i> 2010; Gonzalez <i>et al.</i> 2009
Falcated Duck <i>Mareca falcata</i>	generic change from <i>Anas</i>	Bulgarella <i>et al.</i> 2010; Gonzalez <i>et al.</i> 2009; Peters <i>et al.</i> 2005
Eurasian Wigeon <i>Mareca penelope</i>	generic change from <i>Anas</i>	Bulgarella <i>et al.</i> 2010; Gonzalez <i>et al.</i> 2009; Peters <i>et al.</i> 2005
Gadwall <i>Mareca strepera</i>	generic change from <i>Anas</i>	Bulgarella <i>et al.</i> 2010; Gonzalez <i>et al.</i> 2009; Peters <i>et al.</i> 2005
Northern Shoveler <i>Spatula clypeata</i>	generic change from <i>Anas</i>	Bulgarella <i>et al.</i> 2010; Gonzalez <i>et al.</i> 2009
Garganey <i>Querquedula querquedula</i>	generic change from <i>Anas</i>	Bulgarella <i>et al.</i> 2010; Gonzalez <i>et al.</i> 2009
Velvet Scoter <i>Melanitta fusca</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Collinson <i>et al.</i> 2006; Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2005
Western Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	IOC 2.11
Rufous-bellied Eagle <i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>	generic change from <i>Hieraetus</i>	Haring <i>et al.</i> 2007
Bonelli's Eagle <i>Aquila fasciata</i>	generic change from <i>Hieraetus</i>	Helbig <i>et al.</i> 2005; Lerner & Mindell 2005
Legge's Hawk-eagle <i>Nisaetus kelaarti</i>	split from regional taxon; generic change from <i>Spizaetus</i>	Gjershaug <i>et al.</i> 2008; Haring <i>et al.</i> 2007
Mountain Hawk-eagle <i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>	generic change from <i>Spizaetus</i>	Haring <i>et al.</i> 2007
Crested Hawk-eagle <i>Nisaetus cirrhatu</i>	generic change from <i>Spizaetus</i>	Haring <i>et al.</i> 2007
Changeable Hawk-eagle <i>Nisaetus limnaetus</i>	generic change from <i>Spizaetus</i>	Haring <i>et al.</i> 2007
Indian Spotted Eagle <i>Clanga hastata</i>	generic change from <i>Aquila</i>	E.C. Dickinson, pers. comm. 2012
Greater Spotted Eagle <i>Clanga clanga</i>	generic change from <i>Aquila</i>	E.C. Dickinson, pers. comm. 2012
Lesser Spotted Eagle <i>Clanga pomarina</i>	generic change from <i>Aquila</i>	E.C. Dickinson, pers. comm. 2012
Grey-headed Fish-eagle <i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>	generic change from <i>Ichthyophaga</i>	David <i>et al.</i> 2009
Lesser Fish-eagle <i>Ichthyophaga humilis</i>	generic change from <i>Ichthyophaga</i>	David <i>et al.</i> 2009
Hen Harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i>	split from extralimital	IOC 2.11
Eastern Marsh Harrier <i>Circus spilonotus</i>	to regular list from hypothetical	http://orientalbirdimages.org/
Barbary Falcon <i>Falco pelegrinoides babylonicus</i>	split from regional taxa	many sources
Lanner Falcon <i>Falco biarmicus</i>	new for hypothetical list	Carr <i>et al.</i> 2011
Sooty Falcon <i>Falco concolor</i>	to regular list from hypothetical	Khan <i>et al.</i> 2010
Green Peafowl <i>Pavo muticus</i>	to regular list from hypothetical	M.M. Khan, pers. comm. 2011
Siberian Crane <i>Leucogeranus leucogeranus</i>	extinct in region; generic change from <i>Grus</i>	Krajewski <i>et al.</i> 2010
Macqueen's Bustard <i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>	split from extralimital taxa	several sources
Blue-breasted Quail <i>Excalfactoria chinensis</i>	generic change from <i>Coturnix</i>	Seabrook-Davison <i>et al.</i> 2009
Great Nicobar Crane <i>Rallina sp.</i>	undescribed putative new species	Rajeshkumar <i>et al.</i> 2012
Slaty-breasted Rail <i>Gallirallus striatus</i>	generic change from <i>Rallus</i>	IOC 2.11
Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Groeninger <i>et al.</i> 2008; Chesser <i>et al.</i> 2011
Greater Painted-snipe <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	split from extralimital taxon	Baker <i>et al.</i> 2007b
Eurasian Dotterel <i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	generic change from <i>Eudromias</i>	IOC 2.11
Eurasian Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Johnsen <i>et al.</i> 2010; Kerr <i>et al.</i> 2009; Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2011

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Grey-tailed Tattler <i>Tringa brevipes</i>	generic change from <i>Heteroscelus</i>	Pereira & Baker 2005; Banks <i>et al.</i> 2006
Curlew Sandpiper <i>Erolia ferruginea</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Temminck's Stint <i>Ereunetes temminckii</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Sanderling <i>Ereunetes albus</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Dunlin <i>Ereunetes alpinus</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Pectoral Sandpiper <i>Ereunetes melanotos</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Little Stint <i>Ereunetes minutus</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Long-toed Stint <i>Ereunetes subminutus</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Rufous-necked Stint <i>Ereunetes ruficollis</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
White-rumped Sandpiper <i>Ereunetes fuscicollis</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper <i>Limicola acuminata</i>	generic change from <i>Calidris</i>	Borowik & McLennan 1999; Gibson 2010
Brown Skua <i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>	generic change from <i>Catharacta</i>	AOU 2000; Braun & Brumfield 1998
South Polar Skua <i>Stercorarius macconnicki</i>	generic change from <i>Catharacta</i>	AOU 2000; Braun & Brumfield 1998
Long-tailed Jaeger <i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	addition	Anderson 2007; OBI
Lesser Black-backed Gull	lump with extralimital taxa	Collinson <i>et al.</i> 2008
<i>Larus fuscus heuglini/aimyrensis/barabensis</i>		
Great Black-headed Gull <i>Ichthyaeetus ichthyaeetus</i>	generic change from <i>Larus</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2008; Pons <i>et al.</i> 2005
Slender-billed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	generic change from <i>Larus</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2008; Pons <i>et al.</i> 2005
Brown-headed Gull	generic change from <i>Larus</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2008; Pons <i>et al.</i> 2005
<i>Chroicocephalus brunnecephalus</i>		
Common Black-headed Gull	generic change from <i>Larus</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2008; Pons <i>et al.</i> 2005
<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		
Relict Gull <i>Ichthyaeetus relictus</i>	generic change from <i>Larus</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2008; Pons <i>et al.</i> 2005
Little Gull <i>Hydrocoleus minutus</i>	generic change from <i>Larus</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2008; Pons <i>et al.</i> 2005
Sooty Gull <i>Ichthyaeetus hemprichii</i>	generic change from <i>Larus</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2008; Pons <i>et al.</i> 2005
White-eyed Gull <i>Ichthyaeetus leucophthalmus</i>	generic change from <i>Larus</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2008; Pons <i>et al.</i> 2005
Little Tern <i>Sterna albibrons</i>	generic change from <i>Sterna</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2007; Bridge <i>et al.</i> 2005
Saunders's Tern <i>Sterna saundersi</i>	generic change from <i>Sterna</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2007; Bridge <i>et al.</i> 2005
Sandwich Tern <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Ete <i>et al.</i> 2009
Bridled Tern <i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	generic change from <i>Sterna</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2007; Bridge <i>et al.</i> 2005
Sooty Tern <i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	generic change from <i>Sterna</i>	Banks <i>et al.</i> 2007; Bridge <i>et al.</i> 2005
Laughing Dove <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	generic change from <i>Streptopelia</i>	IOC 2.11
Spotted Dove <i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	generic change from <i>Streptopelia</i>	IOC 2.11
Madagascar Turtle-dove <i>Nesoenas picturatus</i>	generic change from <i>Streptopelia</i>	IOC 2.11
Himalayan Cuckoo <i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	split from largely extralimital taxa	King 2005
Horsfield's Cuckoo <i>Cuculus optatus</i>	split from region and extralimital taxa	King 2005
Common Barn-owl <i>Tyto alba</i> (excluding <i>delicatula</i>)	split from extralimital taxa	IOC 2.11
Snowy Owl <i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	generic change from <i>Nyctea</i>	Wink <i>et al.</i> 2009
Forest Eagle-owl <i>Ketupa nipalensis</i>	generic change from <i>Bubo</i>	Wink <i>et al.</i> 2009
Walden's Scops-owl <i>Otus modestus</i>	split from regional taxa	Rasmussen & Anderton 2012
Great Eared-nightjar <i>Lyncomis macrotis</i>	generic change from <i>Eurostapodus</i>	Han <i>et al.</i> 2010
Blyth's Swift <i>Apus leuconyx</i>	split from largely extralimital taxa	Leader 2011
Sálim Ali's Swift <i>Apus salimali</i>	split from regional taxon	Leader 2011
Narcondam Hornbill <i>Rhyticeros narcondami</i>	generic change from <i>Aceros</i>	Visheshkul <i>et al.</i> 2011
Plain-pouched Hornbill <i>Rhyticeros subruficollis</i>	generic change from <i>Aceros</i>	Visheshkul <i>et al.</i> 2011
Wreathed Hornbill <i>Rhyticeros undulatus</i>	generic change from <i>Aceros</i>	Visheshkul <i>et al.</i> 2011
White-throated Brown Hornbill <i>Anorrhinus austeri</i>	generic change from <i>Ptilolaemus</i>	Visheshkul <i>et al.</i> 2011
Coppersmith Barbet <i>Xantholaema haemacephalus</i>	generic change from <i>Megalaima</i>	Moyle 2004
Ceylon Small Barbet <i>Xantholaema rubricapillus</i>	generic change from <i>Megalaima</i>	Moyle 2004
Malabar Barbet <i>Xantholaema malabarica</i>	generic change from <i>Megalaima</i>	Moyle 2004
Speckled Piculet <i>Vivia innominata</i>	generic change from <i>Picumnus</i>	Fuchs <i>et al.</i> 2006
Greater Yellowwape <i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>	generic change from <i>Picus</i>	Fuchs <i>et al.</i> 2008
Greater Flameback <i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Collar 2011

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Malabar Flameback <i>Chrysocolaptes socialis</i>	split from regional taxa	Rasmussen & Anderton 2012
Blue Pitta <i>Hydromis cyaneus</i>	generic change from <i>Pitta</i>	Irestedt <i>et al.</i> 2006
Blue-naped Pitta <i>Hydromis nipalensis</i>	generic change from <i>Pitta</i>	Irestedt <i>et al.</i> 2006
Streak-throated Swallow <i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>	generic change from <i>Hirundo</i>	Sheldon <i>et al.</i> 2005
Red-rumped Swallow <i>Cecropis daurica</i>	generic change from <i>Hirundo</i>	Sheldon <i>et al.</i> 2005
Striated Swallow <i>Cecropis striolata</i>	generic change from <i>Hirundo</i>	Sheldon <i>et al.</i> 2005
Ceylon Swallow <i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>	generic change from <i>Hirundo</i>	Sheldon <i>et al.</i> 2005
Black-winged Cuckooshrike <i>Lalage melaschistos</i>	generic change from <i>Coracina</i>	Jönsson <i>et al.</i> 2010
Black-headed Cuckooshrike <i>Lalage melanoptera</i>	generic change from <i>Coracina</i>	Jönsson <i>et al.</i> 2010
Black-headed Bulbul <i>Microtarsus atriceps</i>	generic change from <i>Pycnonotus</i>	Moyle & Marks 2006
Andaman Bulbul <i>Microtarsus fuscolavescens</i>	generic change from <i>Pycnonotus</i>	Moyle & Marks 2006
Grey-headed Bulbul <i>Microtarsus procephalus</i>	generic change from <i>Pycnonotus</i>	Moyle & Marks 2006
Yellow-eared Bulbul <i>Kelaartia penicillata</i>	generic change from <i>Pycnonotus</i>	Rasmussen & Anderton 2012
Crested Finchbill <i>Pycnonotus canifrons</i>	generic change from <i>Spizixos</i>	Moyle & Marks 2006
Nicobar Bulbul <i>Ixos nicobariensis</i>	generic change from <i>Hypsipetes</i>	Moyle & Marks 2006
Mountain Bulbul <i>Ixos mcclellandii</i>	generic change from <i>Hypsipetes</i>	Moyle & Marks 2006
Yellow-browed Bulbul <i>Acritillas indica</i>	generic change from <i>Iole</i>	Dickinson & Gregory 2002; IOC 2.11
Great Grey Shrike <i>Lanius excubitor lahtora/pallidirostris</i>	lump with extralimital Old World taxa	Klassert <i>et al.</i> 2008; Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2010
Eurasian Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Chesser <i>et al.</i> 2010; Drovetski <i>et al.</i> 2004; Toews & Irwin 2008
Orange-headed Thrush <i>Geokichla citrina</i>	generic change from <i>Zoothera</i>	Voelker & Klicka 2008
Black-throated Thrush <i>Turdus atrogularis</i>	split from regional taxon	Knox <i>et al.</i> 2008
Dusky Thrush <i>Turdus eunomus</i>	split from extralimital taxon	Knox <i>et al.</i> 2008
Black-throated Thrush <i>Turdus atrogularis</i>	split from regional taxon	
Spot-winged Thrush <i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>	generic change from <i>Zoothera</i>	Voelker & Klicka 2008
Pied Thrush <i>Geokichla wardii</i>	generic change from <i>Zoothera</i>	Voelker & Klicka 2008
Siberian Thrush <i>Geokichla sibirica</i>	generic change from <i>Zoothera</i>	Voelker & Klicka 2008
Asian Rock-thrush <i>Monticola philippensis</i>	split from regional taxon	Zucon & Ericson 2010b
Oriental Magpie-robin <i>Copsychus saularis</i> (except <i>mindanensis</i>)	split from extralimital taxa	Sheldon <i>et al.</i> 2009
Indian Black Robin <i>Copsychus fulvicaus</i>	generic change from <i>Saxicoloides</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Siberian Blue Robin <i>Larvivora cyane</i>	generic change from <i>Luscinia</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Indian Blue Robin <i>Larvivora brunnea</i>	generic change from <i>Luscinia</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Firethroat <i>Calliope pectoralis</i>	generic change from <i>Luscinia</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Himalayan Rubythroat <i>Calliope pectoralis</i>	generic change from <i>Luscinia</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Siberian Rubythroat <i>Calliope calliope</i>	generic change from <i>Luscinia</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Siberian Stonechat <i>Saxicola maurus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Illera <i>et al.</i> 2008; Zink <i>et al.</i> 2009
Jerdon's Bushchat <i>Rhodophila jerdoni</i>	generic change from <i>Saxicola</i>	Illera <i>et al.</i> 2008
Grey Bushchat <i>Rhodophila terrea</i>	generic change from <i>Saxicola</i>	Illera <i>et al.</i> 2008
Brown Rock-chat <i>Oenanthe fusca</i>	generic change from <i>Cercomela</i>	Outlaw <i>et al.</i> 2010; Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Blackstart <i>Oenanthe melanura</i>	generic change from <i>Cercomela</i>	Outlaw <i>et al.</i> 2010; Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Plumbeous Water-redstart <i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>	generic change from <i>Rhyacornis</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
White-capped River-chat <i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>	generic change from <i>Chaimarrornis</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Iranian Wheatear <i>Oenanthe persica</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Förschler <i>et al.</i> 2010
Mangrove Whistler <i>Pachycephala cinerea</i>	specific epithet change	Walters 2003
Nicobar Jungle-flycatcher <i>Cyornis nicobaricus</i>	generic change from <i>Rhinomyias</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
White-gorgeted Flycatcher <i>Anthipes monileger</i>	generic change from <i>Ficedula</i>	Sangster <i>et al.</i> 2010
Pygmy Blue Flycatcher <i>Ficedula hodgsoni</i>	generic change from <i>Muscicapella</i>	Outlaw & Voelker 2006
Blue-and-white Flycatcher <i>Myiophila cyanomelana</i>	addition	Kawale photo, 2012
Slaty-backed Flycatcher <i>Ficedula sordida</i>	specific epithet change	Outlaw & Voelker 2006
Black-chinned Laughingthrush <i>Strophocincla cachinnans</i>	generic change from <i>Trochalopteron</i>	Collar & Robson 2007

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Kerala Laughingthrush <i>Strophocincla fairbanki</i>	generic change from <i>Trochalopteron</i>	Collar & Robson 2007
White-throated Laughingthrush <i>Garrulax albogularis</i>	split from extralimital taxon	Collar & Robson 2007; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Grey-sided Laughingthrush <i>Garrulax caerulatus</i>	generic change from <i>Dryonastes</i>	Luo <i>et al.</i> 2009; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
White-crested Laughingthrush <i>Leucodioptron leucolophum</i>	split from extralimital taxon, generic change from <i>Garrulax</i>	Collar & Robson 2007; Luo <i>et al.</i> 2009; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush <i>Leucodioptron monilegerum</i>	generic change from <i>Garrulax</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Spot-breasted Laughingthrush <i>Leucodioptron merulinum</i>	generic change from <i>Stactocichla</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Yellow-throated Laughingthrush <i>Dryonastes galbanus</i>	split from extralimital taxon	Collar & Robson 2007; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Bugun Liocichla <i>Liocichla bugunorum</i>	new species	Athreya 2006
Red-faced Liocichla <i>Liocichla phoenicea</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Collar & Robson 2007
Pin-striped Tit-babbler <i>Mixornis gularis</i>	split from extralimital taxa; generic change from <i>Macronous</i>	Collar & Robson 2007; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Rufous-capped Babbler <i>Cyanoderma ruficeps</i>	generic change from <i>Stachyris</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Rufous-fronted Babbler <i>Cyanoderma rufifrons</i>	generic change from <i>Stachyris</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Golden Babbler <i>Cyanoderma chrysaeum</i>	generic change from <i>Stachyris</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Black-chinned Babbler <i>Cyanoderma pyrrhops</i>	generic change from <i>Stachyris</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Ceylon Scimitar-babbler <i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>	split from regional taxa	Collar & Robson 2007; Reddy & Moyle 2011
Indian Scimitar-babbler <i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>	split from regional taxa	Collar & Robson 2007; Reddy & Moyle 2011
Streak-breasted Scimitar-babbler <i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i> (excluding Taiwan <i>P. musicus</i>)	split from extralimital taxon	Collar & Robson 2007; Reddy & Moyle 2011
Large Scimitar-babbler <i>Megapomatorhinus hypoleucus</i>	generic change from <i>Pomatorhinus</i>	Dong <i>et al.</i> 2010a; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Spot-breasted Scimitar-babbler <i>Megapomatorhinus mcclellandi</i>	split from extralimital taxa, generic change from <i>Pomatorhinus</i>	Collar & Robson 2007; Reddy & Moyle 2011
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-babbler <i>Megapomatorhinus erythrognis</i>	generic change from <i>Pomatorhinus</i>	Dong <i>et al.</i> 2010a; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012; Reddy & Moyle 2011
Black-crowned Scimitar-babbler <i>Pomatorhinus ferruginosus</i>	split from regional taxa	Reddy & Moyle 2011, Rasmussen & Anderton 2012
Phayre's Scimitar-babbler <i>Pomatorhinus phayrei</i>	split from regional taxa	Dong <i>et al.</i> 2010a; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012; Reddy & Moyle 2011
Rufous-winged Fulvetta <i>Pseudominla castaneiceps</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
Yellow-throated Fulvetta <i>Pseudominla cinerea</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
Golden-breasted Fulvetta <i>Lioparus chrysolis</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
White-browed Fulvetta <i>Fulvetta vinipectus</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
Chinese Fulvetta <i>Fulvetta striaticollis</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
Brown-throated Fulvetta <i>Fulvetta ludlowi</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
Manipur Fulvetta <i>Fulvetta manipurensis</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
Rusty-capped Fulvetta <i>Schoeniparus dubius</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
Rufous-throated Fulvetta <i>Schoeniparus rufogularis</i>	generic change from <i>Alcippe</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2006
Rufous-backed Sibia <i>Leioptila annexens</i>	generic change from <i>Heterophasia</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Rufous Sibia <i>Malacias capistratus</i>	generic change from <i>Heterophasia</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Grey Sibia <i>Malacias gracilis</i>	generic change from <i>Heterophasia</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Beautiful Sibia <i>Malacias pulchellus</i>	generic change from <i>Heterophasia</i>	Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Blue-winged Minla <i>Siva cyanouroptera</i>	generic change from <i>Minla</i>	Dong <i>et al.</i> 2010b; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Bar-throated Minla <i>Chrysominla strigula</i>	generic change from <i>Minla</i>	Dong <i>et al.</i> 2010b; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Hoary-throated Barwing <i>Ixops nipalensis</i>	generic change from <i>Actinodura</i>	Dong <i>et al.</i> 2010b; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Streak-throated Barwing <i>Ixops waldeni</i>	generic change from <i>Actinodura</i>	Dong <i>et al.</i> 2010b; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012

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Himalayan Cutia <i>Cutia nipalensis</i>	split from extralimital taxon	Collar & Robson 2007; Moyle <i>et al.</i> 2012
Spotted Wren-babbler <i>Elachura formosa</i>	generic change from <i>Spelaeornis</i>	Collar & Robson 2007
Long-billed Wren-babbler <i>Rimator malacoptilus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Collar 2006
Clicking Shrike-babbler <i>Pteruthius intermedius aenobarbus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Rheindt & Eaton 2009
Blyth's Shrike-babbler <i>Pteruthius aeralatus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Rheindt & Eaton 2009
Fulvous Parrotbill <i>Suthora fulvifrons</i>	generic change from <i>Paradoxornis</i>	Yeung <i>et al.</i> 2011
Black-throated Parrotbill <i>Suthora nipalensis</i>	generic change from <i>Paradoxornis</i>	Yeung <i>et al.</i> 2011
White-breasted Parrotbill <i>Paradoxornis ruficeps</i>	split from regional taxon	King & Robson 2008
Rufous-headed Parrotbill <i>Paradoxornis bakeri</i>	split from regional taxon	King & Robson 2008
Indian Grassbird <i>Graminicola bengalensis</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Leader <i>et al.</i> 2010
Hume's Bush-warbler <i>Horornis brunescens</i>	generic change from <i>Cettia</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006
Aberrant Bush-warbler <i>Horornis flavolivacea</i>	generic change from <i>Cettia</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006
Strong-footed Bush-warbler <i>Horornis fortipes</i>	generic change from <i>Cettia</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006
Large Bush-warbler <i>Oligura major</i>	generic change from <i>Cettia</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006
Grey-sided Bush-warbler <i>Oligura brunifrons</i>	generic change from <i>Cettia</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006
Chestnut-headed Tesia <i>Oligura castaneocoronata</i>	generic change from <i>Tesia</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006
Pale-footed Bush-warbler <i>Urosphena pallidipes</i>	generic change from <i>Cettia</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006
Korean Bush-warbler <i>Horornis canturians</i>	generic change from <i>Cettia</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006
Chinese Bush-warbler <i>Locustella tacsanowskia</i>	generic change from <i>Bradypterus</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011b
Baikal Bush-warbler <i>Locustella davidi</i>	split from regional taxa, generic change from <i>Bradypterus</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2008a; Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011b
Spotted Bush-warbler <i>Locustella thoracica</i>	generic change from <i>Bradypterus</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2008a; Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011b
West Himalayan Bush-warbler <i>Locustella kashmirensis</i>	split from regional taxa, generic change from <i>Bradypterus</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2008a; Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011b
Brown Bush-warbler <i>Locustella luteoventris</i>	generic change from <i>Bradypterus</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011b
Russet Bush-warbler <i>Locustella mandelli</i>	generic change from <i>Bradypterus</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011b
Long-billed Bush-warbler <i>Locustella major</i>	generic change from <i>Bradypterus</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011b
Black-browed Reed-warbler <i>Acrocephalus bistrigiceps</i>	to regular list from hypothetical	OBI
Thick-billed Warbler <i>Phragmaticola aedon</i>	generic change from <i>Acrocephalus</i>	Fregin <i>et al.</i> 2009
Booted Warbler <i>Iduna caligata</i>	generic change from <i>Hippolais</i>	Fregin <i>et al.</i> 2009
Sykes's Warbler <i>Iduna rama</i>	generic change from <i>Hippolais</i>	Fregin <i>et al.</i> 2009
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler <i>Iduna pallida</i>	generic change from <i>Hippolais</i>	Fregin <i>et al.</i> 2009
Mountain Tailorbird <i>Phyllergates cuculatus</i>	generic change from <i>Orthotomus</i>	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2006; Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011a
Arctic Warbler <i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2011d
Claudia's Leaf-warbler <i>Phylloscopus claudiae</i>	split from regional taxa	Olsson <i>et al.</i> 2005
Desert Whitethroat <i>Sylvia minula</i>	split from regional taxa (questionably)	IOC 2.11
Rufous-vented Tit <i>Pariparus rubiventris</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
Rufous-naped Tit <i>Pariparus rufonuchalis</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
Coal Tit <i>Pariparus ater melanolophus</i>	lump with regional taxa, generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005; Eck & Martens 2006
Coal Tit <i>Pariparus ater aemodius</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
Grey-crested Tit <i>Lophophanes dichrous</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
Cinereous Tit <i>Parus cinereus</i>	split from regional taxa	Eck & Martens 2006; Päckert <i>et al.</i> 2005
Japanese Tit <i>Parus minor tibetanus</i>	split from regional taxa	Eck & Martens 2006; Päckert <i>et al.</i> 2005
Great Tit <i>Parus major bokharensis</i>	lump with extralimital taxa	Eck & Martens 2006; Päckert <i>et al.</i> 2005
Black-bibbed Tit <i>Poecile hypermelanous</i>	split from extralimital taxa, generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
Marsh Tit <i>Poecile palustris</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
Willow Tit <i>Poecile montanus</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
White-browed Tit <i>Poecile superciliosus</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
Azure Tit <i>Cyanistes cyanus</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005

Table 1: Status, taxonomic and scientific name changes in Rasmussen & Anderton (2012) second, revised edition, as compared to the first edition (2005). Does not include minor emendations in spelling. References cited either directly provided the taxonomic recommendations adopted, or provided data and/or a taxonomic framework that led to the conclusions adopted in Rasmussen & Anderton (2012) (*contd.*)

Name in 2 nd edition	Status change	References/authority followed
Azure Tit <i>Cyanistes cyanus flavipectus</i>	generic change from <i>Parus</i>	Gill <i>et al.</i> 2005
Crested Tit-Warbler <i>Leptopoele elegans</i>	addition	Sangha <i>et al.</i> 2007
Red-headed Tit <i>Aegithalos iredalei</i>	split from regional taxa	Päckert <i>et al.</i> 2010
Black-browed Tit <i>Aegithalos bonvaloti</i>	split from regional taxon	Päckert <i>et al.</i> 2010
Hodgson's Trecreeper	split from extralimital taxa	Tietze <i>et al.</i> 2006
<i>Certhia hodgsoni hodgsoni/mandellii/khamensis</i>		
Manipur Trecreeper <i>Certhia manipurensis</i>	split from regional taxa	Tietze <i>et al.</i> 2006
Indian Spotted Creeper <i>Salpornis spononotus</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Tietze & Martens 2010
Neglected Nuthatch <i>Sitta neglecta</i>	split from regional taxa	IOC 2.11
Thick-billed Flowerpecker <i>Pachyglossa agilis</i>	generic change from <i>Dicaeum</i>	Nyári <i>et al.</i> 2009
Modest Flowerpecker <i>Pachyglossa obsoleta</i>	generic change from <i>Dicaeum</i> , split from regional taxa	Nyári <i>et al.</i> 2009; Rasmussen & Anderton 2012
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	generic change from <i>Dicaeum</i>	Nyári <i>et al.</i> 2009
<i>Pachyglossa chrysorrhea</i>		
Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker	generic change from <i>Dicaeum</i>	Nyári <i>et al.</i> 2009
<i>Pachyglossa melanoxantha</i>		
Legge's Flowerpecker <i>Pachyglossa vincens</i>	generic change from <i>Dicaeum</i>	Nyári <i>et al.</i> 2009
Little Spiderhunter <i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>	split from extralimital taxa	Rahman <i>et al.</i> 2010
Crested Bunting <i>Emberiza lathamii</i>	generic change from <i>Melophus</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2008b
Corn Bunting <i>Emberiza calandra</i>	generic change from <i>Miliaria</i>	Alström <i>et al.</i> 2008b
European Linnet <i>Linaria cannabina</i>	generic change from <i>Acanthis</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Twite <i>Linaria flavirostris</i>	generic change from <i>Acanthis</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Himalayan Greenfinch <i>Chloris spinoides</i>	generic change from <i>Carduelis</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Black-headed Greenfinch <i>Chloris ambigua</i>	generic change from <i>Carduelis</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Eurasian Siskin <i>Spinus spinus</i>	generic change from <i>Carduelis</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Tibetan Siskin <i>Spinus thibetanus</i>	generic change from <i>Carduelis</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
European Greenfinch <i>Chloris chloris</i>	generic change from <i>Carduelis</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Common Rosefinch <i>Erythrura erythrura</i>	generic change from <i>Carpodacus</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Red-fronted Rosefinch <i>Carpodacus puniceus</i>	generic change from <i>Pyrrhospiza</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Dark-breasted Rosefinch <i>Procarduelis nipalensis</i>	generic change from <i>Carpodacus</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Blanford's Rosefinch <i>Agrapospiza rubescens</i>	generic change from <i>Carpodacus</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Long-tailed Rosefinch <i>Carpodacus sibiricus</i>	generic change from <i>Uragus</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Crimson-browed Finch <i>Carpodacus subhimachalus</i>	generic change from <i>Propyrrhula</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2012
Yellow-throated Sparrow <i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	generic change from <i>Petronia</i>	IOC 2.11
Black Drongo <i>Edolius macrocerus</i>	generic change from <i>Dicrurus</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2007
Ashy Drongo <i>Edolius leucophaeus</i>	generic change from <i>Dicrurus</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2007
Bronzed Drongo <i>Chaptalia aenea</i>	generic change from <i>Dicrurus</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2007
White-bellied Drongo <i>Edolius caerulescens</i>	generic change from <i>Dicrurus</i>	Pasquet <i>et al.</i> 2007
Daurian Starling <i>Agropsar sturninus</i>	generic change from <i>Sturnia</i>	Lovette <i>et al.</i> 2008; Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2008
Brahminy Starling <i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	generic change from <i>Temenuchus</i>	Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2008
Vinous-breasted Myna <i>Acridotheres burmannicus</i>	generic change from <i>Sturnia</i>	Lovette <i>et al.</i> 2008; Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2008
Chestnut-cheeked Starling <i>Agropsar philippensis</i>	addition	van der Wielen 2007
Rosy Starling <i>Pastor roseus</i>	generic change from <i>Sturnus</i>	Lovette <i>et al.</i> 2008; Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2008
White-faced Starling <i>Sturnornis albobronzeus</i>	generic change from <i>Sturnia</i>	Lovette <i>et al.</i> 2008; Zuccon <i>et al.</i> 2008

that they do these provide clear support to the three-way species split. The same is true for, for example, the Andaman Bulbul *Pycnonotus fuscoflavescens*, formerly considered a race of Black-headed Bulbul *P. atriceps*. Even for a species as locally common as the Andaman Scops-Owl *Otus balli*, iris colour had never been reliably recorded, and hence photos of this species

now on Oriental Bird Images provided confirmation of this important feature. The few photos of Legge's Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus kelarti* on OBI provide confirmatory evidence for characters observed on specimens (especially the huge bill and claws). Digital sound archives like AVoCet (Avian Vocalizations Center, at Michigan State University), Xeno-canto,

the Internet Bird Collection, and Macaulay Library of Cornell, have provided a great deal of data unavailable by 2005. At that time, the songs of Naga Wren-babbler *Spelaornis nagaensis*, Cachar Wedge-billed Babbler *Sphenocichla roberti*, and Himalayan Spot-throated Babbler *Pellorneum albiventre* (among others) were entirely unknown, and these have since become available. However, surprisingly there are still South Asian species for which we have little if any good evidence on their vocalisations, such as Painted Spurfowl *Galloperdix lunulata*, Manipur Bush-quail *P. manipurensis*, Speckled Woodpigeon *Columba hodgsoni*, Pale-capped Pigeon *C. puniceus*, Large-billed Ground-thrush *Zoothera monticola*, and Nilgiri Thrush *Z. neilgherriensis*, among others.

Despite all the progress, many South Asian avian mysteries remain, and these involve not just missing species like Himalayan Quail *Ophrysia superciliosa* and Pink-headed Duck *Rhodonessa caryophyllacea*. For example, what is Vaurie's Nightjar *Caprimulgus centralasiae*? Where do Kashmir's Blunt-winged Warbler *Acrocephalus concinens* and Long-billed Bush-Warbler *Bradypterus major* winter? Do species considered hypothetical in BIRDS OF SOUTH ASIA like Szechenyi's Monal-Partridge *Tetraophasis szechenyii*,

Tibetan Eared-pheasant *Crossoptilon harmani*, Derby's Parakeet *Psittacula derbiana*, Elliot's Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron ellioti*, Brown-cheeked Laughingthrush *T. henrici*, and Giant Babax *Babax waddelli*, really occur somewhere in Arunachal Pradesh? The field is wide open, the tools are widely available, and this is a challenge to be answered by the new generation of South Asian field ornithologists.

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